Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know, Sir, where normally the jamabundy of the Nemmara firka is to be conducted?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—The Jamabundy of the Nemmara firka is to be conducted in Nemmara itself.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know where it was conducted in the year 1111?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—It was conducted in Nemmara.

Wadakkancheri Town—provisions of Municipal Act—introduction of.

34. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Wadakkancheri).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the provisions of the Municipal Act regarding Conservancy have been applied to the town of Wadakkancheri;

(b) if they have been applied, the limits of the area within which the same have been applied;

(c) whether scavenging is introduced within the said area?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—(a) Sections 92 to 100, Chapter VIII of the Municipal Act, regarding conservancy, have been made applicable to Wadakkancheri.

(b) Please see Government Notification No. 453, dated 27th Karkadagam 1108, published on pages 1322 to 1326 of the Cochin Government Gazette dated 28th Karkadagam 1108.

(c) Yes. Private scavenging system has been introduced in the locality to the extent to which it is found necessary.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know, Sir, whether it is the intention of the Government to give only such references as are given in sub-section (b) when particular information is sought of the Government? Here it is stated "Please see Government notification No. 453 dated 27th Karkatakam 1108 published on pages 1322 to 1326 of the Cochin Government Gazette dated 28th Karkatakam 1108". This information is given to us at about 11 o'clock. It is very difficult

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to hunt up these references. At times these references are not available even in the library now.

Mr. President.—Does the Hon'ble Member take objection to the form of reply?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Instead of giving reference to the Gazette, the information could have been supplied.

Mr. President.—When for example the answer has reference to a particular notification of the Government the usual way to answer is to refer the member to the notification.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—The question is whether the provisions of the Municipal Act regarding conservancy have been applied to the town of Wadakkancheri and if they have been applied the limits of the area. My point in putting the question is to know where exactly the provisions have been applied.

Mr. President.—The Hon'ble Member then wants the area which is defined in the notification should be reproduced in the answer.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—The difficulty is that we are not able to find out references with a view to put supplementary questions.

Mr. President.—We cannot duplicate the Gazette. It is the usual answer which I have come across in many places. When the answer refers to a particular notification, only the reference is given.

Mr. K. T. Mathew *(Kunnamkulam).*—My point is that the Gazette containing the notification may be placed on the Council table.

Mr. President.—The Gazette is available to every body. What is the use of placing it on the Council table?

Mr. K. T. Mathew *(Kunnamkulam).*—For ready reference.

Mr. President.—I am afraid Government cannot do it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether we should carry all the back numbers of the Gazette?

Mr. President.—When once a notification is published in the Gazette, it is supposed to be available to the public. I am surprised at the question the Hon'ble Member asks.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—I am also surprised with the way in which the reference is given to matters thereby making an attempt to frustrate the possibility of putting supplementary questions.

Mr. K. T. Mathew *(Kunnamkulam).*—I think it has been the practice in British India to place the reference on the Council table.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—The notification in question runs to 6 pages.

Mr. K. T. Mathew *(Kunnamkulam).*—Place the reference books on the Council table.

Mr. President.—If that analogy is carried into practice every book should be made available on the Council table. I am afraid Government cannot undertake the work.

Mr. K. T. Mathew *(Kunnamkulam).*—That is the practice in British India.

Mr. President.—As far as I know, it is not.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know, Sir, with reference to sub-section (c) what the Government means by saying that private scavenging system has been introduced to the extent it is found necessary.

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—There are certain houses in which private scavenging had to be introduced. In those houses, private scavenging has been introduced and in the other houses it will be introduced in course of time.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*—Are we to understand that private scavenging facilities would be given to persons who apply for the same?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—Certainly.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan. *(Wadakkancheri)*—May I know, whether the Government insists upon introducing scavenging where it is found necessary?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—It is introduced newly in that particular town and Government do not think it necessary to compel the people at the very outset. We have given the citizens some time to consider.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Are we to understand that the Government is satisfied with the scavenging arrangements of the town of Wadakkancherri?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—We are not completely satisfied, and we are trying to introduce scavenging system immediately. In this connection, I would invite the co-operation of the Hon'ble Member.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know, Sir, whether the Government have not come across houses in Wadakkancheri by the roadside having pit latrines close by the side of wells from which drinking water is taken?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—I want notice. In those cases, we are trying our best to introduce scavenging system.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Can I take it that the attention of the Government has been drawn and the defects remedied?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—I have already explained that we are trying our best to persuade the people to introduce scavenging system at Wadakkancherri.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether there is not a Sanitary Inspector stationed at Wadakkancherri?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether the scavenging system has not been made compulsory at Wadakkancherri?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—From the answer to that supplementary question may I know whether every house has been taken up for scavenging purposes?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—I would like to make a statement. Even in Municipalities like Ernakulam I don't think that every house has got scavenging system.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether the Government have come across the existence of pit latrines close by wells from which drinking water is taken? Is there any single case unattended to?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Has not the Sanitary Inspector stationed at Wadakkancherri been able to give the information?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—I shall call for the information.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*— Will the Government be pleased to seriously consider if really some such thing exists in Wadakkancherri?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—Certainly Government will do it.

35. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*— Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether any other provisions of the Municipal Act than those in Question No. 34 have been introduced in the town of Wadakkancheri?

(b) if so, which are the provisions so applied?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—(a) Yes.

(b) 136 to 138 and 148, Chapter XI; 152 to 160 and 162 to 180, Chapter XII; 190 to 194, Chapter XIII.

Funds—providing of.

36. Mr. M. A. Sankunni *(Nominated).*—Will the Government be pleased to provide funds in the ensuing Budget Session to carry out the Diwan's Order D 4-10139/10 dated 18th May 1935?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—A sum of Rs. 1,000 has been provided in the Panchayat Budget for 1112 for opening the pathway along the southern bank of the Elankunnapuzha canal. When the lands required for the work were valued it was found that a sum of Rs. 1,150—11—0 would be required as land acquisition charges. The land acquisition will be completed this year. The work proper

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